(b) the reasons for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Receipt of proposals for tele-serials including telefilms and their examination is an ongoing process. Proposals are received and processed by various Doordarshan Kendras and also by the Directorate of Doordarshan. The information regarding pending proposals is not kept centrally in a compiled forms.

Programme Generation Facility under Doordarshan

1526. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry approved locations for setting up of programme generation facility under Doordarshan for the year 1993-94 :

(b) if so, at what stake is the work going on at present ; and

(c) how much money has been sanctioned for Nagpur for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Preliminary action like identification/acquisition of suitable sites etc. has been initiated for the Programme Generation Facility schemes envisaged to be set up, including the one at Nagpur under Annual Plan 1993-94. Formal approval of these schemes has to be accorded by the competent authority.

Registration of Newspapers

1527. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new Newspapers which were registered by the Registrar of Newspapers of India, during the last year ;

(b) what is the number of newspapers so registered but not being published ; and

(c) what is the mechanism being adopted to curb the practice of futile registrations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) As per records maintained in the office of the Regitsrar of Newspapers for India, 937 new Newspapers were registered during 1992.

(b) and (c) Newspapers are registered only after the same are published as required under the Press & Registration of Books Act.

News Magazines Produced by Films Division

1528. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the names of News Magazines produced by the Films Division during the year 1993 ;

(b) out of the above how many were produced departmentally ;

(c) what is the expenditure incurred thereon ; and

(d) whether departmental production is cheaper than private production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The names of News Magazines produced by the Films Division during 1993 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) All the News Magazines were produced departmentally.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.